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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GALDERMA S.A.,

Opposer,

v.

HCI DIRECT, INC.,

Applicant.

76/637711
Opposition No. 91172124

ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

In Answer to the Notice of Opposition, Applicant, HCI Direct, Inc. denies that the Opposer would in any way be damaged by the registration of Applicant's mark here sought to be registered. Applicant has no direct knowledge of the corporate status and address of the Opposer as set forth in the preamble of the Notice and therefor demands strict proof thereof.

With respect to the stated grounds for the Opposition, Applicant responds to each numbered paragraph as follows:

1. Applicant has insufficient information concerning the allegations of Paragraph 1 of the Notice of Opposition to form a belief as to the truth or falsity thereof and therefor denies the same.



2. Applicant generally admits the averments of Paragraph 2 of the Notice with respect to the existence and status of Reg. 1,814,674, but is without knowledge of the present ownership thereof and therefor denies ownership of the application by the present Opposer.

3. Applicant has insufficient information concerning the allegations of Paragraph 3 of the Notice of Opposition to form a belief as to the truth or falsity thereof and therefor denies the same.

4. Applicant has insufficient information concerning the allegations of Paragraph 4 of the Notice of Opposition to form a belief as to the truth or falsity thereof and therefor denies the same.

5. Applicant has insufficient information concerning the allegations of Paragraph 5 of the Notice of Opposition to form a belief as to the truth or falsity thereof and therefor denies the same.

6. Applicant has insufficient information concerning the allegations of Paragraph 6 of the Notice of Opposition to form a belief as to the truth or falsity thereof and therefor denies the same.

7. Applicant admits the allegations of Paragraph 7 of the Notice of Opposition.

8. Applicant denies the averments of Paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition.

9. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 9 of the Notice of Opposition.

10. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 10 of the Notice of Opposition.

11. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 11 of the Notice of Opposition.

12. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 12 of the Notice of Opposition.

13. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 13 of the Notice of Opposition.

14. Applicant denies the allegations of Paragraph 14 of the Notice of Opposition.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

In further answer to the Notice of Opposition, the Applicant asserts the following Affirmative Defenses:

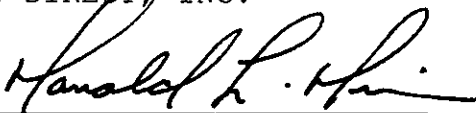
1. The Opposer has failed to allege grounds sufficient to establish its standing to maintain the present Opposition.

Accordingly, Applicant prays that the Notice of Opposition be dismissed and the application of HCI Direct, Inc. for the trademark "SILKIES" be permitted to register.

Respectfully submitted,
HCI DIRECT, INC.

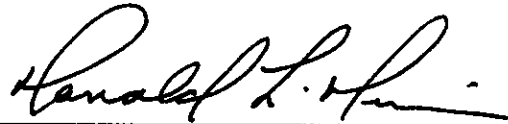
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing Answer was sent by first class mail with proper postage affixed, this 11th day of August, 2006, to counsel for Opposer, William S. Frommer, Esq. c/o Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10151.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald L. Dennison", written over a horizontal line.

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